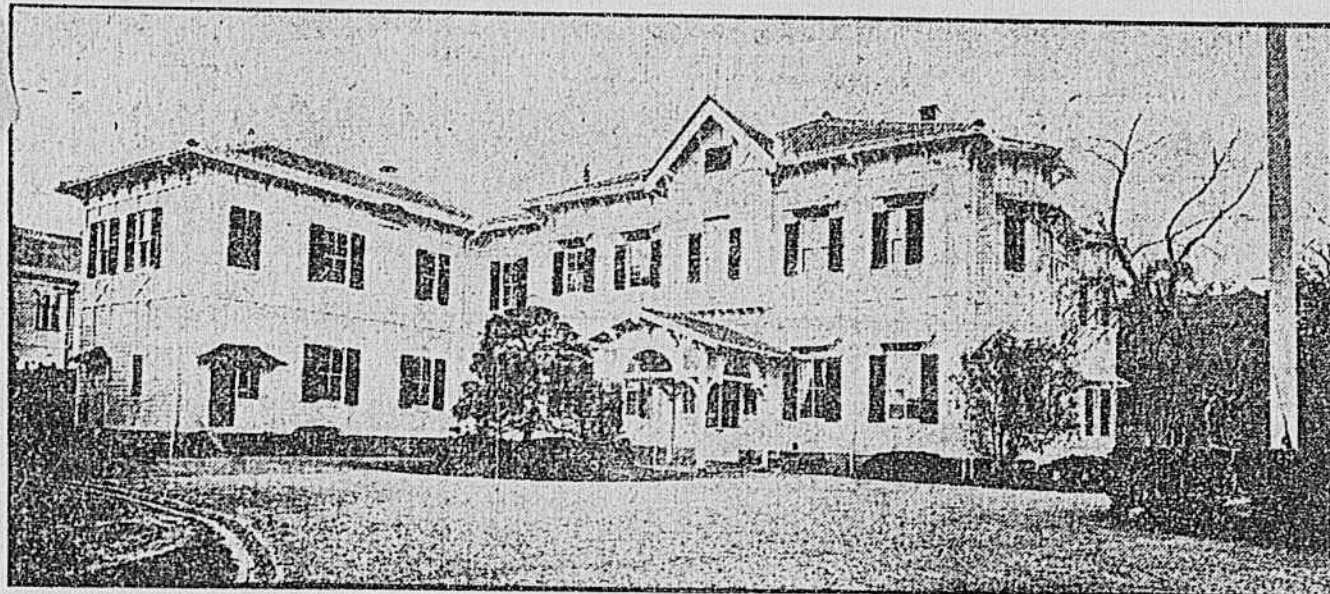


## To Own Embassies--Congress Allows Their Purchase or Erection--Poorer Men Can Hereafter Afford to Serve



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BY JOHN ELFRETH WATKINS.  
Washington, D. C., March 4.—I say, old chap, what are you doing walking about in this beastly weather? Better go home."

"I have no home. I am the American ambassador."

This dialogue between the Hon. Joseph H. Choate and a London "Bobby" was repeated before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs by E. Clarence Jones, president of the American Embassy Association.

The bill which Mr. Jones was supporting has just become law. It authorizes the Secretary of State to spend \$500,000 a year in purchasing or erecting proper homes and offices for our ambassadors or ministers in the great capitals of the world and for our consular staffs in Oriental countries.

This means that brains will eventually be the prime factor in the selection of American diplomats, and that the day is at hand when poor men can afford to accept our most important foreign missions without embarrassment. It also means that a "standard of appearances" is to be set by the government which will hereafter frown on either lavish display or parsimonious economy on the part of its ambassadors, housed in government-owned and government-maintained residences.

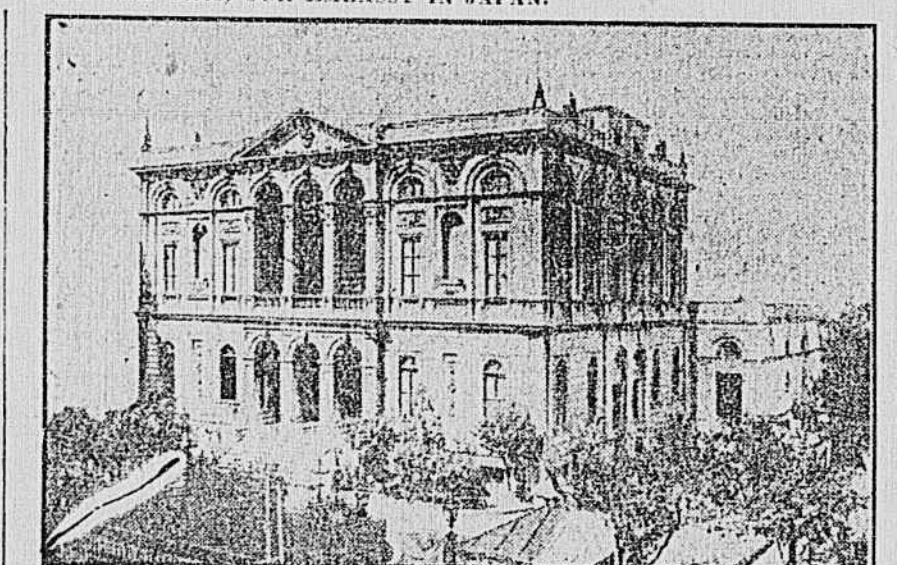
**Nine Cost \$150,000 at Chief Capitals.**  
The most luxurious embassy that can be purchased or erected under this act must be limited in price to \$150,000. No greater sum than this can be expended in any one place, and each such dwelling must include also the office for the use of the ambassador or minister and his assistants. It is estimated that with a total outlay of \$5,000,000, expended in ten years, the Department of State can house the dignified fashion all American ambassadors now sharing Mr. Choate's former plight, as conduced in the aforementioned words to that aggressive policeman who encountered him one dark and dismal night in a lonely London.

This is to be consummated an enterprise which our business men have worked for indefatigably throughout the sessions of the Sixty-first Congress. No battle for the passage of a bill was ever waged with better generalship or more admirable system. At the beginning of the Congress, which ends this week, a group of our captains of industry met in New York and projected the "American Embassy Association." Distinguished editors, bankers, brokers, lawyers and capitalists joined its executive and advisory committees. Soon the association, 100,000 strong, commenced bombarding Capitol Hill. They told our Congressmen that millions of dollars in foreign gold, needed for the development of our natural resources, are being withheld from us because our shabby embassies, legations and consulates abroad have cost us the confidence of foreign capitalists. The only diplomatic posts which do us credit are those maintained by our millionaires.



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"As we appropriate annually over \$200,000,000 in making preparations to keep on a hostile footing with other nations, we can well afford to expend \$2,000,000 to promote friendship with them," the association further told our Congressmen.

So we are to have \$150,000 embassies in great capitals like London, Paris, Vienna and Berlin. Less money will be spent at the seats of government of the lesser States.

**A Million-Dollar Embassy.**  
Take Vienna, for example. France has just spent \$1,000,000 there on her embassy, whose furnishings alone cost \$300,000. Her ambassador, who is the tenant of this luxurious palace, receives an salary of \$35,000 a year and \$20,000 additional annual allowance for entertainment.

In sharp contrast with this scale of living was that of our lately retired ambassador, Charles E. Francis, who during his sojourn in Vienna occupied a small room in a hotel, whence he daily drove to an apartment which his government, for \$3,000, rents as the office or "chancellery" of the embassy. All of the other great world powers own their embassies at the same capital. Italy some years ago purchased the palace of Metternich, England owns a stately mansion, whose park includes an English church, and Russia's embassy is surrounded by a similar park containing a Greek orthodox church for her Viennese subjects to worship in.

**London's Elegant Embassies.**  
In London the Austrian ambassador receives in salary alone \$45,000 a year; the French and Russian ambassadors, \$40,000; the German, \$37,500; the Italian, \$22,000; and the Spanish, \$17,500. In addition all of these are installed in mansions owned by their governments or held by leaseholds running up to 999 years. Most of these embassies have beautiful surrounding gardens. China, Japan and Turkey also supply their London representatives with handsome official homes, besides paying them more than we pay our ambassador, Mr. Whitelaw Reid.

In fact, nearly three times the amount of his salary, or \$45,000 a year, is Mr. Reid's annual rental for Dorchester House, the mansion in which he maintains the glory of our republic in the eyes of the mother country. And Uncle Sam helps in this display only to the extent of paying \$3,000 a year for the rent of a suite of offices upon a dingy first floor in Victoria Street.

But by spending its maximum allowance of \$150,000 there the State Department should be able to build in London an American embassy equalling that of Austria, which now about the same amount for its mansion on Bol-

grave Square, and exelling the London embassies of Russia, France, Germany and Spain, which cost, respectively, \$140,000, \$110,000, \$85,000 and \$70,000.

**Britain's Costly Berlin Embassy.**  
In Berlin, too, we will have to spend the full \$150,000 if we wish to make any showing there alongside of England, Italy, Austria and France. England as far back as forty years ago spent five times that sum, or \$750,000, for its embassy at the German capital, where Italy has just completed a new building at a total cost of \$240,000, and where Austria in 1874 paid \$220,000 for its magnificent diplomatic residence. And to its Berlin embassy, bought for \$125,000, in the first year of our Civil War, France has added \$155,000 in improvements, her present ambassador having lately spent \$75,000 in redecorating the entire interior.

It was because he was accustomed to all of this display on the part of the foreign ambassadors resident in his capital that the Kaiser at first objected to our ambassador, Dr. D. J. Hill, on the ground that he lacked sufficient means to keep up his end at court. But President Roosevelt insisted that William receive Dr. Hill, who still leases for his embassy a modest residence in Berlin, and who can rest assured that he holds up his end quite as well as does our government, which provides him with an office in an upstairs apartment renting for \$1,700 per year.

In Paris we can, on the money allowed, make a fair showing, compared with most of the powers, but by no means equaling England, which here owns the most valuable embassy to be found in the entire world. This magnificent mansion, with its surrounding park, in the Faubourg St. Honoré, adjoins the Elysee Palace, the official home of the French President. This superb property cost \$200,000 when purchased fifty years ago, but is now worth ten times that sum, or \$2,000,000. In its beautiful park each June, the British ambassador gives a garden party which is the talk of Paris. And other great powers have purchased, upon the left bank of the Seine, handsome embassies with large entrance courts and surrounding gardens. The smaller powers lease buildings in which their ministers live without having to share the expenses of the rent. Turkey occupies its embassy, rent free, in exchange for a similar courtesy, which is extended to the French ambassador at Constantinople.

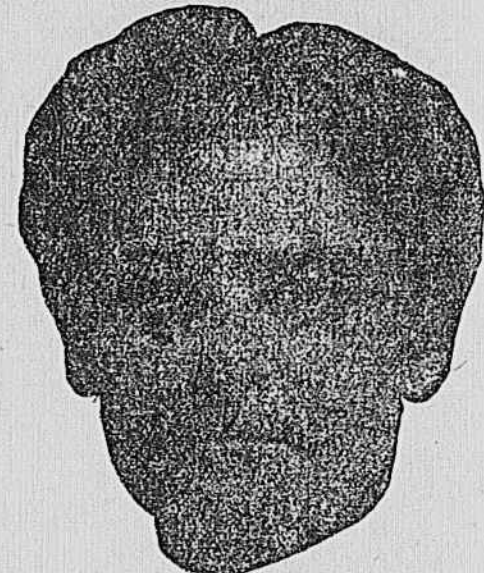
**What Europe's Ambassadors Get.**  
But here as in the other great European capitals our ambassadors have been expected to spend their own gold for the glory of the home government. To keep up his end with the other ambassadors Henry White, besides paying \$18,000 a year for the rental of his embassy, spent \$47,310 in furnishing and redecorating the building. His salary, like that of all other American ambassadors, was \$17,500 a year, which did not cover his rent. He had no allowance for entertainment, such as given the other ambassadors in Paris, who, in addition to their freedom from rent, enjoyed such salaries as these: The Russian ambassador, \$45,000; the Austrian, \$35,000; the German, \$30,000; Italian, \$25,000.

Even in the smaller capitals our rivals have often spent more on diplomatic residences than we can possibly spare under the new law. Thus, in Brussels, France and China have each paid \$200,000 for their embassies, while England spent \$100,000 for hers in Copenhagen, and France has bought one at Bern, Switzerland, for \$110,000.

Since Franklin, Jefferson and Adams bitterly complained of their inability to cover their foreign expenses with their diplomatic salaries the cost of living has probably quadrupled, yet the pay of our highest diplomats has increased only one-third. As late as 1861 Minister Lawrence, writing the

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State Department from our legation in London, said:

"The rent of a furnished house in London, in a convenient and proper location, would not be less than £700 to £900 a year. Horses and carriages would cost from £225 to £250 a year. And to meet properly these and all of the other expenses growing out of the position would require, in my judgment, an annual salary of \$20,000."

**We Own One European Embassy.**  
In the whole of Europe we own but one embassy building, that at Constantinople, which, together with an adjacent office wing, newly built, has cost in all \$150,000. This white stone mansion, with its classic facade, is upon a hill in the modern Pera quarter of Constantinople, where are located the embassies and legations of the other powers, except Persia, whose legation is in the old Turkish quarter, Stamboul.

Near our building Germany and Austria own palaces, Great Britain and Italy ancient mansions, and the other countries adequate properties. Holland has owned its legation here for 120 years.

But while it is comfortable enough at this season of the year, our new Constantinople embassy is unbearable at night and winter, when the foreign ambassadors leave the Pera quarter and move to the summer diplomatic colony at

Therapia, on the Bosphorus. Here the American diplomats must be content with quarters at a hotel, while the officers and staffs of the summer embassies are enjoying their own expansive verandas and beautiful wooded parks.

An interesting adjunct to Russia's summer embassy here at Therapia is a white house so placed upon the Bosphorus as to be always visible throughout that strait and even from the rear entrance to the Black Sea. Upon this little building a Russian fleet in the Black Sea has its argus eye focused day and night, and within its white walls always sleep several attaches of the Russian embassy, who can signal as readily by torch at night as they can by flag in daylight.

We own but one other embassy building, that at Tokio, Japan—a cheap frame cottage, bought in 1896 for \$15,000. It has lately been reported as "unsuitable, undignified and not calculated to give us the standing necessary in Japan." Although owning the house itself, we have to pay Japan a rent of \$200 per year for the ground on which it stands.

**We've Built But One Legation.**  
We have built but one diplomatic abode, to date, this our legation at Peking. The site of our old legation there, by the Boxers, scared Congress into appropriating \$50,000 for a well-located compound including a dignified legation, which has added greatly to our commercial prestige.

The only other legation owned by our government is a ramshackle bungalow which the King of Siam gave to us in 1881, subject to an annual ground rent of \$81. Twenty-two years ago Jacob S. Child, while occupying it as our minister, reported it to the government as a "wreck dangerous for occupation, shaking in strong wind."

Congress has appropriated for its repair \$3,000 in 1890 and \$2,000 in 1900. Since when it has been referred to in government documents as an "old barn."

In sharp contrast with our government's parsimoniousness, chess-playing attitude toward its foreign service has been the lavishness with which England everywhere maintains her foreign credit and promotes her foreign commerce by flaunting in the face of the world these park-surrounded palaces.

wherein her official representatives enjoy every decent luxury of life.

But Britain, while supplying these palatial homes for its diplomats since many years back, is said to have been stingy in the matter of salaries and allowances until shamed into greater liberality by the celebrated Henry Labouchere.

While attached to the British legation in Paris he was ordered to St. Petersburg. He set out on this mission, but as he was not heard of for some weeks considerable alarm was felt for his safety. At length an English tourist who was being driven over a continental highway espied a well known but grimy figure, whistling merrily as he trudged along the dusty road.

"Why, Labby, what on earth are you doing?" asked the tourist.

"Going to St. Petersburg," answered Labouchere.

"Walking?"

"Yes."

"Why?"

"Because our government is so stingy that if we diplomats obey its orders to go from place to place we have to walk."

Repetition of this dialogue brought shame to the foreign office, and ever since, this said, the British government has paid its diplomats as handsomely as it has housed them.

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